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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Lunsford, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3732
Application No.: 10/807,368)
Filing Date: March 22, 2004)
10 For: VESSEL RETRACTION DEVICE)
AND METHOD)
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

20 Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in eleven (11) pages responsive to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006 in the above-identified application. Also attached are:

25 (X) The claim fee calculation is provided below:

1 page credit card authorization form to charge the fees indicated below:

	<u>Claims Remaining</u>		(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
	<u>After Amendment</u>	<u>Minus</u>	<u>Highest Prev.</u>	<u>Present</u>	
30	Total Claims	31	-	20	= 11 x .50 = \$ 550
	Indep Claims	5	-	3	= 2 x 200 = \$ 400
				TOTAL DUE	= \$ 950

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 4, 2006

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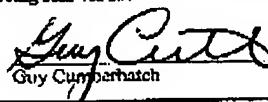
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Dear Sir:

25 Responsive to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006, please make the changes and
 note the remarks below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

30 Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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